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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: I-HAWK MISSILE SYSTEM FOR SAUDI ARABIA

1. DURING MY MARCH 16 MEETING WITH PRINCE SULTAN HE RAISED QUESTION OF WHETHER SAG WOULD HAVE TO GO FMS ON THE PURCHASE OF I-HAWK MISSILE SYSTEM FROM RAYTHEON. SULTAN WAS AWARE THAT PENDING LEGISLATION MIGHT REQUIRE ALL SUBSTANTIAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT PURCHASED FROM UNITED STATES TO BE FMS. HE SAID THAT WHILE HE HAD NO RPT NO OBJECTION TO THIS METHOD, SAG AND RAYTHEON HAD BEEN PROCEEDING ON BASIS THAT THE CONTRACT WOULD BE GOVERNMENT TO CONTRACTOR. HE SAID THE CONTRACT IS NOW CLOSE TO SIGNING AND HE ASKED THAT WE OBTAIN AN EXEMPTION ON THE CURRENT BASIS, SINCE GOING FMS AT THIS POINT WOULD ENTAIL SUBSTANTIAL DELAYS.

2. I TOLD SULTAN THAT SUCH LEGISLATION WAS PENDING BUT THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL VERSIONS AND THAT THERE WAS NO RPT NO WAY TO PREDICT WHAT THE FINAL WORDING WOULD BE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THE LATEST STATUS OF MILITARY
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ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO

REQUIREMENT THAT ALL MAJOR SALES BE FMS AND ANSWERS TO
FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: (A) WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECTIVE
DATE OF THE REQUIREMENT; (B) WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT
ON CONTRACTS WHICH ARE EXTENSIONS OF EXISTING CONTRACTS?
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